

(2) confront common threats such as the trafficking in illicit narcotics; and
 (3) act in solidarity to actively promote representative democracy and the rule of law throughout the world.

SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL OF RESOLUTION.

The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to—

(1) Vicente Fox Quesada, President-elect of the United Mexican States;

(2) Luis Felipe Bravo Mena, president of the National Action Party of Mexico;

(3) the International Republican Institute for International Affairs and the National Democratic Institute; and

(4) the Secretary of State with the request that the Secretary further transmit such copy to Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León, President of the United Mexican States.

GOLD MEDAL TO POPE JOHN PAUL II

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of H.R. 3544, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3544) to authorize a gold medal to be presented on behalf of the Congress to Pope John Paul II in recognition of his many and enduring contributions to peace and religious understanding, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 3544) was read the third time and passed.

A GOLD MEDAL TO NANCY AND RONALD REAGAN

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 578, H.R. 3591.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3591) to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to former President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan in recognition of their service to the Nation.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, tonight, we pass and clear for the President's signature a fitting tribute for a pair of American heroes, the Congressional Gold Medal. I am privileged and deeply honored to have been joined and supported by so many of my colleagues and others in this effort.

In his first inaugural address, President Reagan encouraged a nation by

stating, "Let us begin an era of national renewal. Let us renew our determination, our courage, and our strength. And let us renew our faith and our hope."

Former President Ronald Reagan spoke these words almost two decades ago at his first inauguration ceremony, inspiring a generation. During his 8 years as President of the United States, Ronald Reagan successfully reshaped America's hope and sparked a national renewal, marked by unprecedented global peace, economic growth, military superiority, and the spread of freedom and liberty.

Serving as the leader of the world's greatest superpower, President Reagan preferred to see himself as a simple citizen who had been called upon to aid the Nation he so loved. He believed fervently in the American dream and wanted the American people to realize it fully.

Through every historic fight and landmark decision, the ever-gracious First Lady, Nancy, was by President Reagan's side. A distinguished leader in her own right, she traveled tirelessly throughout the country promoting her famous "Just Say No" campaign. The project is aimed at preventing alcohol and drug use among our youth.

In his tenure, President Reagan restored America's sense of pride and set us squarely on the course of prosperity we still enjoy today. He facilitated the collapse of the Soviet Union that brought an end to the cold war. Who could forget his ringing challenge from Berlin's Bradenburg Gate, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this Wall!" By 1989, to the amazement of the world, Germany was unified, and the Wall was a memory. Reagan's character, wit, and eloquence as the "Great Communicator" brought honor to the Office of the President and endeared him to all Americans and, indeed, all the world.

Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher once commented, "Not since Lincoln, or Winston Churchill in Britain, has there been a President who has so understood the power of words to uplift and inspire." Mr. President, I couldn't agree more.

His one-time rival for superpower dominance, Mikhail Gorbachev, described honoring the Reagans with the Congressional Gold Medal as "... a fitting tribute to the fortieth President of the United States, who will go down in history as a man profoundly dedicated to his people and committed to the values of democracy and freedom."

Together, the Reagans selflessly dedicated their lives to promoting national pride and bettering the quality of life in America. Together, they continue their battle with Alzheimer's disease, displaying the dignity for which they are famous. Mrs. Reagan remains committed to community service. In his honor, she has become a national advocate for heightening Alzheimer's

disease awareness. Their fight inspires hope in millions of Americans who share their struggle.

The leadership and dedication that President and Mrs. Reagan provided this Nation undeniably abides with us still. It is fitting for a grateful people and Nation to say, "Thank you."

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read the third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 3591) was read the third time and passed.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NOS. 106-35 and 106-36

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaties transmitted to the Senate on July 13, 2000, by the President of the United States: Treaty with Cyprus on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Document No. 106-35); and Treaty with South Africa on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Document No. 106-36).

I further ask that the treaties be considered as having been read the first time, they be referred with accompanying papers to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The messages of the President are as follow:

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Nicosia on December 20, 1999. I transmit also, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State with respect to the Treaty.

The Treaty is one of a series of modern mutual legal assistance treaties being negotiated by the United States in order to counter criminal activities more effectively. Together with the Extradition Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, which entered into force September 14, 1999, this Treaty will, upon entry into force, provide an effective tool to assist in the prosecution of a wide variety of offenses, including organized crime, terrorism, drug-trafficking offenses, and other violent crimes as well as money laundering